Sound the Trumpet!



Two Babylons



The first Babylon was on the Euphrates River in Iraq. The second Babylon is the city of Rome. Babylon is not just a city, but a system, a religious, political system, government and religion united to make,

- 1. An earthly Utopia (without God) by human effort,
- A religion to reach heaven by human effort. Its goal is to unite the world in this effort.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF BABYLON – (not the system) by the Medo-Persians (539 BC) Jeremiah 51:11. This was prophesied for the immediate future, not 2500 years later. "And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, an astonishment and a hissing, without an inhabitant", Jeremiah 51:36-37.

J. Vernon McGhee: "Note that this utter desolation is to follow not some future overthrow, but the sack of the city resulting from the turning aside of the waters of the river. The Euphrates which flowed directly through Babylon was diverted from its course, which left an entryway at each end for warriors of the enemy to enter under the walls in the dry riverbed, by this maneuver they were able to appear suddenly in the streets and take the city by surprise.

THE DESTRUCTION WAS TO BE COMPLETE – Jeremiah 51:29, 37, 43. "Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses; cast her up in heaps, and destroy her utterly: Let nothing be left of her," Jeremiah 50:26.

J. Vernon McGhee: "You can look at Babylon today; it is a heap of ruins. It was utterly destroyed!

Smith's Bible Dictionary (page 31): "Babel, Babylon (Gate of God). Capital on the plain of Shinar, Gen10:10. Built, 2600 B.C., on both sides of the River Euphrates, a vast square, 56 miles in circuit. About 5 miles above Hillah, on the east bank of the river, are a great many artificial mounds of enormous size in three groups. Scarcely a trace of these walls can be found now, except it may be a few mounds which are

supposed to mark some of the gates." (page 219) "330 B.C. Alexander found the great temple of Belus in so ruined a condition that it would have required the labour of 10,000 men for two months even to clear away the rubbish with which it was encumbered. His designs for the restoration of the temple and general embellishment of the city were frustrated by his untimely death, and the removal of the seat of the empire to Antioch under the Seleucide gave the finishing blow to the prosperity of the place."

Since then, Babylon has been a quarry from which all the tribes in the vicinity have perpetually derived the bricks with which they have built their cities. The "great city." "the beauty of the Chaldee's excellency", has thus "become heaps" emphatically (Jer.51:37) is She truly "an astonishment and a hissing, without inhabitant." Her walls have altogether disappeared - they have "fallen". (Jer. 51:44) been "thrown down", (50:15) been "broken utterly", (51:58) A "drought has been upon her waters" (50:38), for the system of irrigation, on which Babylonia fertility altogether depends has long been laid aside: "her cities" are everywhere "a desolation" (51:43) her "land a wilderness;" wild beasts of the desert: (jackals) "lie there", and the "owls dwell there". The natives regard the whole site as haunted, and neither will the "Arab pitch tent, nor the shepherd fold sheep there" (Isaiah 13:20).

THE DESTRUCTION WAS TO BE FINAL (never to be restored again - Jer. 50:39, 51:44, 62, 64, Isaiah 13:20,21 n.b. Isaiah 13: 19 The reference to the overthrow of Sodom & Gomorrah may be a prophetic reference to Rev. 17:16, which refers to the yet future destruction of the second (Eschatological) Babylon. This is not an uncommon device in the prophetic scriptures. For example Isaiah 9:6,7is a prophetic reference to two separate events at least 2000 years apart with no explanation given. Also Isaiah 61:2 is a prophetic reference to two separate

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"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;"

Joel 2:1

In the News

Cash to Become Extinct as Chips
Take Off news.com.au
Cash is accelerating down the path
to extinction as new technologies
threaten to mark the end of loose
change within a decade.

China Argues to Replace the US

Dollar BBC News

China's Central Bank has reiterated its call for a new reserve currency to replace the US dollar.

The report from the People's Bank of China (PBOC) said a "supersovereign" currency should take its place.

2009 Summer/Fall Christian **Conferences Provide Platform** for Contemplative/Emerging **Lighthouse Trails Speakers** Many Christian-led conferences, taking place throughout North America during the summer and fall of 2009 are providing platforms for speakers who are helping to further the new spirituality. In many conferences, the speaker lineups are a blending of nonemerging/non contemplative speakers with those who are of that camp.

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THE SECOND (ESCHATOLOGICAL) BABYLON IS NOT LITERAL HISTORICAL BABYLON -Excerpts from Feinberg (page 329)"The reason is that the Apostle John is not speaking of literal, historical Babylon. First - he uses the word "mystery" with reference to Babylon. This conveys the force of a mystical Babylon. Second -The book of Revelation uses proper nouns figuratively: 1- Jezebel (2:20); 2-The key of David (3:7); 3- Jerusalem (The new) comes down out of heaven (21:2, 10); 4- Sodom and Egypt (11:8); 5- Gog and Magog (20:8); not the same geographical areas of Ezek. 38and 39. 6- Babylon chapters 17 and 18 not the city of Mesopotamia, which was situated on a plain, (17:9)"

The chief references to Babylon are in Genesis, the Prophetic Books and Revelation. The references indicate that the city of old signified spiritual confusion (Gen. 11). The apostle John states that the idolatry of ancient times will come to a head in an ecclesiastical and political colossus with many commercial ramifications (Rev. 17-18). It will encompass all anti-God systems (cults and religions) concentrated in a vast ecclesiastical system. "Rome alone answers to the description given", H.A. Ironside.

Excerpts from Ironsides- (page 297)"The federation of the future will be utterly godless and God-defiant. When that league is formed it will be but natural that a confederacy of all religious systems will be wrought out, and this too will be satanic in character. It will be a union of Christless professors, inheriting all the human and demonical mysteries of Babylon. In other words all sects will be swallowed up in one distinctively Babylonian system that has ever maintained the cult of the mother and the child. This system will for the first part of the tribulation period dominate the civil power. Thus the woman will be in the saddle again and ride the beast. He who has eyes to see and a heart to understand can readily discern the preparations now in progress, with this very end in view.

IDENTIFICATION OF ESCHATOLOGICAL RELIGIOUS BABYLON - We see six identifying marks:

1. Fornication with the kings of the earth, (Rev.17:2, 18:3). There is no other city in the world which can claim a special relationship with global, political Leaders, yet being in nature itself strictly religious. Over many centuries the Roman

Catholic Church has committed spiritual fornication because it claims to be the church of Christ and yet it has entered into union with Anti-God political entities.

- 2. Wealth and splendour of the Church of Rome (Rev. 17:4). The Roman Catholic Church is the wealthiest organization in the world. Much of that wealth came from the sale of salvation (indulgences).
 - "arrayed in purple and scarlet color and clothed and decked with gold and precious stones". If you have seen Roman Catholic ritual, you will recognize this verse.
 - "having a golden cup in her hand". There are many thousands of gold chalices in Catholic Churches around the world.
- 3. The immorality of the Church of Rome (Rev.17:4), "Full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication" The unnatural vow of celibacy has filled the Catholic Priesthood with sexual fornication for a thousand years.
- 4. Mystery Babylon Rome's new catechism explains that liturgy aims "to initiate souls into the mystery of Christ". Mystery is at the very heart of Catholicism.
- 5. The Martyrs of Jesus (Rev. 17:5) there is no city in the world where the blood of the martyrs of Jesus was shed more than in Rome. Only Rome qualifies not Historical Babylon.
- The Seven Hills (Rev. 17:9) from verse 18, we learn that the woman was a city or identified with a city on seven hills. Rome is the city that sits on seven hills.

Is THERE NOT CAUSE FOR JUDGMENT? With whom does God have a controversy? Ancient Babylon which has not existed for 2300 years, or Religious Babylon who has martyred millions of God's dear children over the last 1500 years, and who will martyr multiplied millions more, in the tribulation period.

With whom does God have a controversy? The ancient city of Babylon which has not been populated for 2300 years, and did not even exist to reign over the kings of the earth. Or with Religious Babylon who has committed spiritual fornication with the kings of earth for 1500 years and will do so with Antichrist and his kingdom in the future.

How does this apply today? The last days apostasy of the Laodicean/Evangelical church are now upon us. A part of that apostasy is a widespread ecumenical movement among evangelicals. It has swept through the Evangelical Church bringing evangelicals and Catholics together. I believe the future of the ecumenical movement is in a union with the Harlot Church which Antichrist will use. The infrastructure for the World Church and the World Government has now been laid and awaits the signal to take over the world. The trumpet is soon to sound! -- Art Sadlier



By Art Sadlier

For over one hundred years there has been a group who have been plotting the demise of America and the rise of a world government.

David Rockefeller stated, "Some even believe we (the Rockefeller family) are a part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure – one world, if you will. If that is the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it".

Why are people so committed to a new world order or world government? The World Constitution and Parliament Association have stated their objectives.

"We aim to accomplish enduring world peace, total disarmament of warmaking capabilities, a comprehensive program to save the environment and prevent impending catastrophes from changes, new climate а world economic order designed to give everybody equitable opportunities in life, and to establish those global institutions under federal world government by which the above mentioned problems and all problems which transcend national boundaries can be solved peacefully for the good of all by applied intelligence."

"Our aim is to begin world government soon with more than 70% of Earth included at the start ... What we are creating is an immediate and practical alternative to the present chaotic, destructive, unfair, life-threatening, and unsustainable course of human affairs on Earth, in which everybody is now trapped".

This seems, in some ways, a commendable objective until you realize that it is the program of Satan to enslave the world and cause it to worship him.

Terry L. Cook made the following statement, "Current technological and political circumstances soon will lead to a system of universal totalitarian enslavement by means of a global economic network of computerized bartering. This system will be led by a global dictator whom the Bible calls the Antichrist. Satan's personal representative on the scene - the final "Hitler" - will successfully orchestrate the affairs of the entire globe via a one-world government".

John tells us about that world-wide enslavement, "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as

would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads: And that no

man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" Revelation 13: 15-17.

According to Revelation 20: 4 death at the hand of Antichrist will be by beheading. In Revelation 7:9 we are told that the tribulation saints are "a great multitude, which no man could number", hundreds of millions of saints of God beheaded for their faith in Christ.

This world government will be a nightmare, the most horrendous and cruel dictatorship that the world has ever known. This totalitarian government is almost upon us.

The key to control over the people of the whole world will be a cashless society. The whole world will be brought under surveillance and control by the mark of the beast. This mark may be a bio-chip placed in the right hand or the forehead, a chip the size of a grain of rice or smaller may be easily inserted by a syringe. It will be presented as a beneficial thing, your earnings, welfare, benefits and government social assistance will be directly deposited into your account. It will be your credit card, debit card, passport, health card etc., all rolled into one. This number,

encrypted in your bio-chip, would give you access to all that the wonderful World Government affords. Everything about the individual will be recorded, political persuasion, religious beliefs, travel, diseases, even your All of this grocery purchases. information will be entered into a super-computer: such computers are already being used with the potential to monitor every phone call and email on earth. The people of the whole earth will be enslaved, freedom will be totally

that the New World Order has to offer, but refusal to receive it or to conform with the program of Antichrist will bring death. A click of the computer will remove the lifeline of any world citizen, and be followed quickly by beheading. "Cash is freedom! A man without money is free to do very little. If modern electronic credit and debit cards can be substituted for cash, then every

Receiving this mark will open up, all

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name"

Revelation 13:17

financial transaction in your life can be catalogued and stored for future reference and those with the power to cut off your access to electronic money can strangle you in a heartbeat. The potential for totalitarian blackmail and control is incredible" by Harvey Wachsman, in the NY Times.

Remember the words of John, "That no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark".

Terry L. Cook states in his book, The Mark of the New World Order, "New World Order global government of communism/fascism whereby the national sovereignty and the Constitution of the United States, as as other nations, will he eliminated. Soon America will subjected to the dominion of the evil United Nations communistic system of world government. In other words, shortly the United States will cease to be a sovereign, independent, free nation".

"We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis..." said David Rockefeller. The recent economic meltdown has been used to greatly advance the infrastructure of the new world order. You can easily imagine a new manufactured monetary crisis resulting

in a collapse of the dollar which could very well trigger the introduction of the cashless society.

Our generation is the first generation in which all of the electronic devices and systems are available to facilitate the program of Antichrist. We see the supercomputer, the biochip, the electronic transfer of money and the infrastructure of world government in place. Remember this system will not come to full fruition until the midtribulation point, leaving time for the whole scenario to be fully developed.

Remember the words of Jesus, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption (rapture) draweth nigh", Luke 21:28. This does not take away from immanency, first century believers could see some of the signs of the coming tribulation period (I John 2:18) but it does increase expectancy. My friend, the hour is very late; we do not know the day or the hour when

Christ will come to take the church out of the world. The signs indicate that the time is near at hand. Those that are left behind to go into the hour that is to, "try all the world" and will be subject to great deception.

Consider the claims of Christ on your life and the offer of forgiveness and salvation which is open to you at this moment. To reject this offer by refusing to repent and be saved will result in the loss of opportunity to be saved. If the Spirit of God is convicting you of your need to be saved, then this is your moment of opportunity.

H.A. Ironside wrote:

"You don't have to go to heaven, You don't have to live for God: You don't have to be forgiven. Nor be cleansed in Jesus blood. When beyond the shining portals, All the ransomed meet at last, You don't have to be among them, When the fight on earth is past. You can choose eternal anguish. Live the life that suits you best; Turn your back on heavenly treasures; Vainly seek for peace and rest. God will never make you serve Him, Never force you to be saved. You can go to judgment Christless, Tho' your path with prayers be paved."

Babylon Never to be Inhabited Again:

In Jeremiah 50:29 the Lord said that Babylon would never be inhabited again. Alexander the great attempted to rebuild Babylon. He chose it to be the Capital City for the Empire of Greece. In 324 he decided to rebuild it, within a year he was dead at the age of 33 and his plans died with him. Sadam Hussein attempted to rebuild Babylon, look what happened to him before he could do it! He built some walls with no roof over them and no inhabitants in them. God said it would never be rebuilt and it never will be. There are plans today to make Babylon's ruins a tourist site, but there are no plans to rebuild.

Cheap Religion

A. W. Tozer

What passes for Christianity in our day is cheap religion! To listen to the current concepts of Christianity, we would conclude it is little more than bits of beautiful poetry, a man-made bouquet of fragrant flowers, a kindly smile for our neighbor and a couple of good deeds on behalf of a brother or sister. When I consider some of the elements now offered in Christianity as acceptable religion, I have to restrain myself lest I speak too disapprovingly. I fear my words would be so strong that I would have to repent of them! And I read in the Scriptures that there are some things God does not want us to say even about the devil. What do we find surfacing in much of our Christian fellowship? The complaint that God takes a long time to work out His will. We do not want to take the time to plow and cultivate. We want the fruit and the harvest right away. We do not want to be engaged in any spiritual battle that takes us into the long night. We want the morning light right now! We do not want the cross-we are more interested in the crown!

In the News

Israel 'fed up' With US Settlement Demands

Israel Today

A senior Israeli government official cited by the Hebrew daily Israel Hayom on Monday said that Jerusalem is becoming "fed up" with the Obama Administration's exaggerated focus on the construction of Jewish homes in Judea, Samaria and eastern Jerusalem.

US President Barak Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of late have become almost hostile when demanding that Israel halt the growth of Jewish neighbourhoods in any areas claimed by the Palestinians.

Obama Tells Jews to Stop Building Homes – in Israel! WND Aaron Klein 'The positions of the US and Palestinian Authority are closer than ever' Jerusalem – The Obama administration told the Palestinian Authority the "golden era" of Israeli construction in sections of Jerusalem and the strategic West Bank will soon come to an end, a top PA negotiator told WND. "The US assured us that for the first time since 1967, we are going into a period where there will not be allowed a single construction effort on the part of the Israelis in the settlements, including in Gush Etzion, Maale Adumum and eastern Jerusalem," said the negiotator, speaking from Ramallahon condition his name be withheld.

In the News

Worl d Hunger Hits One Billion BBC News

One billion people throughout the world suffer from hunger, a figure which has increased by 100 million because of the global financial crisis, says the

Pro-Gay Activist New "Safe
Schools"
CNSNews.com
Kevin Jennings, appointed by
President Obama to be assistant
deputy secretary of education in
charge of the Office of Safe and
Drug Free Schools, is founder of
an organization dedicated to
promoting pro-homosexual
clubs and curricula in public
schools.

Jumping Jihad!! Rev. Warren goes Wahhabi CFP - Paul Williams The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), an organization with ties to Hamas and other terrorist groups, will hold its annual convention – the largest yearly gathering of Muslims on the continent – in Washington D.C. over the Fourth of July weekend.

And the keynote speaker will be Reverend Rick Warren, founder and senior minister of the Saddleback Church, an evangelical mega-church located in Lake Forest, California.

<u>G-8 Demands Settlement Freeze</u> Arutz Sheva

The G-8 Goup of Eight Richest nations has also called on Israel to stop building in the Biblical areas of Judea and Samaria. It issued a statement Friday calling for a "freeze in settlement activity (as well as their 'natural growth')."

Syria Threatens 'practical steps'
to Retake Golan Israel Today
Syrian officials on Saturday
threatened to take "practical
steps" to regain control of the
Golan Heights, since Israel is
clearly not willing to negotiate
its surrender.